CLAIMS

- 1 1. A spread spectrum radio frequency communication system comprising:
- a Forward Error Correction (FEC) algorithm to encode digital data to provide a plurality
- 3 of symbol groups;
- an interleaving algorithm to map each one of the plurality of symbol groups into a
- 5 corresponding one of a plurality of coherent subbands; and
- a Walsh subband encoder to encode each one of the plurality of coherent subbands.
- 1 2. The communication system as recited in Claim 1 wherein the FEC algorithm uses a Reed
- 2 Solomon FEC code.
- 1 3. The communication system as recited in Claim 1 wherein the FEC algorithm uses a Turbo
- 2 Code FEC code.
- 1 4. The communication system as recited in Claim 1 wherein the FEC algorithm uses a
- 2 convolution FEC code.
- 1 5. The communication system as recited in Claim 1 comprising a transmission security device
- 2 to encrypt each one of the Walsh encoded symbol groups.
- 1 6. The communication system as recited in Claim 5 comprising an Inverse Fast Fourier
- 2 Transform (IFFT) coupled to the transmission security device.
- 1 7. A method for reducing transmission interference with other wireless communications
- 2 systems comprising the steps of:
- inserting zero amplitude weights in at least one of a plurality of narrowband frequency
- 4 subbands; and
- 5 spectrum tailoring each one of the plurality of the transmitted narrowband frequency

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subbands to any available frequency allocation to remove undesirable interference. 6 A method for reducing receive interference from other wireless communications systems 1 8. 2 comprising the steps of: detecting and erasing corrupted data in at least one of a plurality of received narrowband 3 4 frequency subbands having. A method for reducing receive degradation due to multipath fading comprising the steps 1 9. of: 2 detecting and erasing faded data in at least one of a plurality of received narrowband 3 4 frequency subbands. A method of providing a spread spectrum radio frequency communication signal 10. 1 comprising the steps of: 2 forming a stream of data into a plurality of data packets; 3 embedding each data packet into a physical layer packet comprising the steps of adding a 4 packet header, performing a cyclic redundancy check and encoding the data; 5 6 the encoding the data step comprising the steps of: 7 encoding baseband data with a Reed Solomon forward error correction algorithm 8 to provide RS symbols; and interleaving the RS symbols across a plurality of coherent subbands; and 9 subband-encoding each coherent subband with a low rate Walsh code. 10 A spread spectrum radio frequency communication system comprising: 11. 1 a Forward Error Correction (FEC) algorithm to encode digital data to provide a plurality 2 3 of symbol groups, the FEC algorithm using a Reed Solomon FEC code; an interleaving algorithm to map each one of the plurality of symbol groups into a 4

corresponding one of a plurality of coherent subbands;

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- a Walsh subband-encoder to encode each one of the plurality of frequency subbands.
- 1 12. The system as recited in claim 11 further comprising:
- a transmission security device to encrypt each one of the Walsh encoded symbol groups;
- 3 and
- an Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) coupled to the transmission security device.
- 1 13. The system as recited in claim 11 further comprising a subband filter to excise a frequency
- 2 subband to prevent co-site interference with another radio system.
- 1 14. The system as recited in claim 13 further comprising a corresponding receiver having a
 - subband filter to excise the corresponding frequency subband as in the transmitter.
- 1 15. The system as recited in claim 14 wherein both the transmitter and receiver perform
- 2 different subband mapping that avoids mapping symbols into excised subbands.